

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-20, 28, 29, 31-34, 36 and 37 are amended as discussed below. Claims 38-41 are new. No new subject matter is introduced by the present amendments. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-20, 28, 29, 31-34, and 36-41 are pending in the present case.

Substance of interview

A phone interview concerning this application took place on February 5, 2009. The participants were Examiner Paul R. Fisher, the Examiner's supervisor Dean Nguyen, and C. Marc Benoît, agent of record.

The Agent of record discussed the amendments submitted on January 30, 2009. The Agent of record discussed the significance of the newly recited limitation of the assessment comprising a grade and how the grade is used in the invention. Examiner stated the need to further establish the grade feature and add further limitations to clarify its use. The Examiner further stated that additional modifications would have to be made to the apparatus claim to further define the grade feature. The Agent of record stated he would file a supplemental amendment to clarify the invention.

Amendments to the claims

Independent claims 1 and 28 are amended to further establish the grade feature and add further limitations to clarify its use.

Other claim amendments are meant to correct minor claim deficiencies.

The arguments submitted in the last response still stand. More specifically, the fact that the prior art does not disclose the combination of 1- supplying description information to an electronic folder at a vehicular dealer; 2- sending the electronic folder to an assessment center (i.e., not sending the part itself); 3- amending/modifying the sent electronic folder at the assessment center to include an assessment comprising a grade (Joao does not disclose adding a grade); 4- disposing of the vehicular part based on the grade (neither Joao nor Hormozi

disclose this step).

In view of the amended claims, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-20, 28, 29, 31-34, and 36-40 now on file meet the patentability criteria and a Notice of Allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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